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The National Front Political Organisation, the leading political Organisation in Democratic Yemen, widely organized on March 14th, 1974 a series of mass demonstrations in support of the peoples of Oman, the Arabian Gulf and Iraq. The demonstrations, which proceeded in the various governorates, rallied at the NLF Headquarters where solidarity speeches delivered by the NLF and the Mass Organisations leading Officials and the Iraq Ba'ath Arab Socialist Party Assistant General Secret-

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Joint Meetings of WPC Secretary General & PFLOAG Newly Confirm World Peace Forces Firm Solidarity With Our People

Qaboos/Shah Stubborn Aggressive Attitude More Threatens Arab & Iran Liberation Movements

On 13th of instant March, Comrade Aden after the official visit he paid to Aden at the head of a WPC delegation of the World Peace Council, left

During the visit, which lasted for three days, the WPC delegation met a PFLOAG delegation with which the different issues of common struggle for peace and against imperialism have been thoroughly reviewed.

The two sides issued the following joint communique at the end of these bilateral meetings:

During the visit of the World Peace Council delegation headed by its Secretary General, comrade Ramesh Chandra, to the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen from 11 to 13 March 1974, a meeting was held between the W.P.C. delegation and a delegation of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and Arabian Gulf (PFLOAG) headed by Mohamed Abdullah, member of its Central Executive Committee.

The PFLOAG delegation informed the WPC delegation about the general situation in the Arabian Gulf, particularly in Oman and its liberated zone of Dhofar.

The W.P.C. delegation was informed of the dangerous role played by US — British imperialism in this area in complicity with the local reactionary forces and Governments. This role which threatens peace, Security and national independence of the peoples of Arabian Gulf and Peninsula is inseparable from the present imperialist sinister schemes headed by US imperialism against the Arab Peoples and their national-liberation movement as a whole.

The WPC delegation expressed grave concern and condemnation of the military invasion by the Iranian armed forces into Oman with the aim of crushing the national liberation movement hand in hand with the reactionary government of Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

The W.P.C. condemned the Iranian penetration into the Gulf Area and the recent aggressive attacks of the Iranian armed forces on the eastern border of Iraq.

The W.P.C. delegation expressed its deep concern at the expansion of the US — British military bases in the different parts of the oil-rich Arabian Gulf and Arab peninsula.

The W.P.C. delegation extended its further solidarity with the just struggle of the people of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

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British Air Force Extermination Raids Against Unarmed Citizens As Barbaric & Fascistic As US' In Vietnam.

The forces of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia continued to launch their attacks against the bases and centres of the colonialist enemy and the Iranian invaders inflicting upon them heavy losses in equipment and positions. This made the enemy admit the operations of our revolutions. Although the enemy tried to hide the gravity of his losses in life, yet the enemy was compelled to admit officially or unofficially the death of a number of his members. During the period lying between 16th February and 7th March, 1974 — i.e. from communique No. 64/74 to communique No. 75/74 our revolutionaries carried out the following operations:-

- 1) Six attacks with heavy artillery on the enemy centres at Sarfeet and Al-Mammar.
- 2) Five attacks with different medium and heavy machine-guns.
- 3) Seven sniping operations against members of the enemy at the Red Line.

The total losses of the enemy during these operations, with the

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Finally, the objectives and aims which the puppet Qaboos was hiding behind his recent visit to Iran became clear as a joint statement was issued on his talks with the puppet Shah of Iran. The statement contained affirmations by Iran on the increase of its political, economic, military and cultural backing for Qaboos. The traitorous nature of Qaboos, thus, appeared clearly and in an open manner. His hostility also appeared clear not only against the masses of our Omani people but also against the Arab nation.

The confirmations by both sides on joint work for repressing the national movement in Iran and Oman means that the Qaboos authority will be a tool in the hands of Iran in the Arab area for implementing its aggressive policy & Iranian reactionary expansion. These are objectives which have been time and again shamelessly explained by the Shah.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf pointed out more than once and warned of the necessity to beware the utter danger from the side of Iranian reaction. It also asked Arab nations and all Arabs who care for the interests, security and unity of this nation to necessarily adopt the measures essential to confront the Iranian expansionist greeds.

Although Iran had explained and affirmed its intentions through the total exercises and practical policies in our area which ought to be part of the Arab homeland and the Arabs ought to have shouldered the duty of defending this part, Iran made its first step by occupying the Omani (Arab) islands. It followed this step with establishment of military bases and centres on these islands and on other islands which Qaboos presented to Iran.

Iran followed this step by pushing its forces into the Omani territories for hitting the revolution of our people and, in other words, for subjugating our people and later annexing our homeland to the Persian throne. In spite of that, the Arabs remained immobile and left our people to confront alone this flagrant invasion.

Finally, the Iranian reaction continued its aggressions against sister Iraq without anyone moving a limb.

Today, puppet Qaboos is going further in this national treason. He appears to have been given the 'green light' by some Arab regimes — if not all — to undertake such traitorous step and to ask Iran for more backing and support for him. That means more penetration and imposition of Iranian control inside the Omani (Arab) territories.

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P.F.L.O.A.G. Becomes A Member of The World Peace Council

Comrade Hussein Mousa, member of the Information Committee returned to Aden on 27 February from Sofia, capital of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, after representing the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf at the meetings of the World Peace Council which were held in Sofia during the period 18th to 20th February, 1974. Following his arrival, Comrade Hussein Mousa made the following statement:-

"The conference has specific importance because it comes after the expansion of the World Peace Council and the joining of new organisations in it which made its representation of the peace, democratic and national liberation forces more comprehensive than before. It also comes at a time in which Iran is invading our country and launching an aggressive war on our people as well as operating its fleets & air force in the Arab seas and air space and carrying out aggressions on Iraq & encroachment against Democratic Yemen subjecting the peace and security of the area to utter danger.

In the first day the conference discussed the membership applications submitted by some countries and some liberation movements. These included an application by People's Front & another by Democratic Yemen. The conference accepted the applications of the P.F.L.O.A.G. & Democratic Yemen for membership in the World Peace Council.

The question of Iranian interference in our country secured the attention of the conference and the sub committees. It was stated in the general statement of the conference on the Middle East that (the conference views with anxiety the armed Iranian reactionary interference in the Arabian Gulf.

The Asia and Middle East Committees also dealt in their report with the danger of the Iranian interference to peace in the area and condemned such interference by the Iranian reactionary regime & Iran's aggression on sister Iraq and its encroachments against Democratic Yemen.

Moreover, a number of delegation leaders pointed out in their speeches the danger posed by the interference and its illegitimacy and supported the stand of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and Arabian Gulf.

The Arab delegations taking part in the conference supported a statement condemning the Iranian interference. This statement says:

"Iran continued to follow a policy signified by expansion & interference in the Arabian Gulf area and aggressions & encroachments against Iraq & Democratic Yemen as well as revival of the CENFO and the call for more military pacts.

"The reactionary regime in Iran did not hide its expansionist greed in the Arab sector at the Arabian Gulf as it occupied in November 1971, three Omani islands. The Iranian regime is now occupying more Arab territories

"Iran also continued to interfere in the affairs of the area and crowned this policy with the policy of armed invasion of Oman on 20th December when forces estimated at 5,000 men launched a military campaign against the liberated area of Dhofar in Oman aiming by that at thwarting the armed revolution of Omani people under the leadership of the People's Front for the liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf &

repressing the liberation movement in the Arabian Gulf as well as establishing a launching base for it in Oman to launch aggressions & encroachment against Democratic Yemen

The Iranian extensive aggression on Iraq came as part of a series of encroachments and aggressions to give a clear proof of the aggressive policy of Iran towards its Arab neighbours

"Weresent this armed Iranian invasion of Oman and regarded it as flagrant violation of the rights of peoples to determine & administer their own affairs without any foreign interference and a serious threat to the peace in this area. It also serves the interest of the plans of American imperialism. Accordingly, we declare our backing for the Omani people & their revolution.

"We also condemn & resent the repeated Iranian aggressions on Iraq and the encroachments against Democratic Yemen. We also declare our support and backing for the Omani people & their resisting the Iranian invasion and their struggle for the liberation of their country from foreign presence with all its military, political and economic forms.

"We also declare our support for Iraq in its right to check off the Iranian aggression and back up Democratic Yemen in its struggle to safeguard its independence.

The delegations of the Arab Peace Council which signed the statement included:-

- 1 The Arab Republic of Egypt
- 2 The Syrian Arab Republic
- 3 The Iraqi Republic
- 4 The Algerian Democratic Republic
- 5 The Lebanese Republic
- 6 Palestine
- 7 The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen
- 8 The Yemen Arab Republic
- 9 Bahrain: National Liberation Front
- 10 Oman: People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf
- 11 The liberation movement in Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia).

ADEN SEES PEACE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN DEC., 1974 SUPPORTING OUR PEOPLE

On 11th of March, 1974, Comrade Romesh Chandra, Secretary General of World Peace Council, arrived in Aden on a three-day visit to People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

During this visit, Comrade Chandra-at the top of a WPC delegation — undertook important discussions with the top officials in PDY and with the Yemeni Peace Council.

In the meantime, the WPC delegation - during its presence in Aden met a PFLOAG delegation headed by Comrade Mohamed Abdullah, Central Executive Committee member.

The two delegations exchanged the various viewpoints pertaining to the common struggle against imperialism and for peace.

In consequence, a joint communique concluded between the two sides (see page 1).

Comrade Romesh Chandra, after he ended his visit and before his plane take off on Wednesday 13th, made the following Statement:

"Present in Aden, we were extremely happy to meet a PFLOAG delegation. Within the comradely bilateral meetings, we had the opportunity to express our solidarity with the people's struggle in Oman and the Arabian Gulf."

"Within our meetings with the Yemeni Peace Council, we reached an agreement to hold an International

Conference in solidarity with the Yemeni people and the Omani and Arabian Gulf people in Aden during the month of Dec, 1974.

Comrade Chandra added that the preparations for the conference will start from now.

Prior to the conference convocation, world solidarity activities would be organized. Accordingly, the World Peace Council will circulate as early as possible an appeal concerning the convocation of the Conference. We shall extend the invitations to all the international organisations supporting our target to take part in the conference.

We believe that this conference would be of great significance and represents an important event; not only in the march of the peace movement in this area, but also, for the peace movement all over the world.

We, thus, seize this opportunity to request all popular sectors in Democratic Yemen and in Oman and the Arabian Gulf to actively contribute to achieve the aimed success of the conference.

On the cause of Palestine, Comrade Chandra said: "The Arab people know who are their friends. The just constant peace can never proceed from an individual solution takes place in Washington.

The Arab peoples realize that the

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Reactionary & Colonialist Authorities Launch Terroristic Campaigns Against Innocent Citizens

The colonialist authorities and reactionary authorities intimidated their local stooges to undertake terroristic campaigns against the peaceful citizens who live in some remote rural areas. These puppets issued strict orders to citizens living at Jebel Nasheb to abandon their houses in this area and to come down to Wadi area in the same Eastern Region. When the citizens refused these orders, the puppets threatened the citizens and told them that the authority will come to evacuate this area from any citizens by force as the citizens were told

that the Iranian forces will ransack the area and that these forces will force them to leave their houses because they will burn and destroy them.

The citizens replied to these puppets saying: These houses and this land is our own property as they were the property of our ancestors. They will remain so and become the property of our children after us. Therefore, we are not going to abandon them, and are not prepared to accept any intruder whatever the cost is."

Boasts of His Government's Collusion With Iranian Invaders

The Foreign Minister of the puppet regime in Muscat-the so-called Qais Assawawi - made a press statement at the Pakistani town, Lahore, during his presence there for the Islamic Summit Conference which was held at the end of last month. In this statement, he attacked Kuwait and Iraq and other Arab countries accusing them of helping the revolution in an indirect way, according to his statement . . .

This came in the course of his defence of the Iranian presence and invasion which is being faced by Oman. Azzawawi said: "There are countries in the Gulf - such as Iraq and Kuwait - which help Aden in the fields of education and public health, and we believe that such work contributes directly in the consolidation of the revolution.

The Qaboos foreign Minister Criticized the Arab indignation and resentment over the Iranian invasion of Oman and said, justifying the step taken by his government for calling Iranian forces:

"The internal issues are our own affairs and we do not accept interference by others in these affairs because we do not interfere in their affairs." The Minister has forgotten that the Charter of the Arab League

which regards his country as member in it, forbids member States to call foreign forces for exercising military tasks inside the territories of the member state. He said, also: "We believe that we have the right - like any other country - to ask for help from Iran. We welcome any help from the Arab countries and we say give us help and help us to end the revolution."

But Azzawawi returned to deny that his country has demanded help from Iran, when he said:

"Iran gave us this but we did not ask for it." Although Azzawawi remained to repeat the word revolution from the start of his statement, but he corrected himself later to deny that there does not exist in Oman anything called revolution but

there is insurgence. He said: 'the fighting in Dhofar is not a revolution but a minor insurgence.' He added: "I know what I talk about."

Working Class Struggles (Cont'd)

7) To increase the salaries of the Bahrainian working hands and to pay living allowances suiting the hike of the living conditions.

8) If the company-since the past thirty years-was sending every year even one Bahrainian for training about it would have now about thirty trained Bahrainians. But, unfortunately, there does not exist but one in the maintenance section who is not recognised by the company. Therefore, we ask for the specification of a certain period for the training of a certain number of Bahrainians regularly.

Support Committees & Progressive Forces Continue to Condemn Iranian Invasion

Numerous Arab, Iranian and foreign progressive organisations continued to express condemnation against the Iranian invasion of Oman and to declare their support for the just struggle of our people. This condemnation and support took different forms. In West Berlin, mass meetings were organised and a booklet was issued on the just struggle of our people. Also in the United States and in Britain, several symposiums were held which were organised by the support committees. During the symposiums, films were exhibited on the life in the liberated

areas. Donations were also collected along with medicines. In the Scandinavian countries, the support committees there undertake reproduction of Saut al-Thawra and 9th June magazine in the language of these countries and to collect medicines and medical equipment for the masses of our people.

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exception of its unassessed losses, were as follows:-

1) Death and injury of 43 enemy members. The puppets admitted that they included two British and one Iranian.

2) Destruction of nineteen defensive positions.

3) Destruction of a machine-gun post and a wireless set as well as the enemy command headquarters.

The enemy carried out, as usual and when he sustains heavy losses, retaliatory operations when aircraft of the British Air Force and his heavy artillery combed the liberated areas indiscriminately leading to the

burning of a number of grazing places and extermination of a number of cattle of the citizens.

Peace Conference (Cont'd)

path to peace does not pass through Washington."

Comrade Chandra concluded that there are two fundamental conditions to solve this crisis:

1) The complete withdrawal from all the Arab occupied territories .

2) Restoration completely of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

DEMONSTRATIONS (Cont'd)
ary - who is presently on an official visit to PDYV.

At the end of the huge mass rally, a PFLOAG speech was delivered

expressing the deep gratitude for that warm solidarity and confirming the PFLOAG resolute stand to achieve the revolution decisive victory.

WPC/PFLOAG JOINT COMMUNIQUE (Cont'd)

The P.F.L.O.A.G delegation expressed its high appreciation of the work and activities of the W.P.C. and the fruitful results of the W.P.C session held in February 1974 in Sofia. The delegation considers the holding-by W.P.C. in

December 1974-of an International Conference in Solidarity with the People of Democratic Yemen and the Arabian Gulf as a significant contribution to Peace, Security and national independence in this area.

Romesh Chandra
W.P.C. Secretary General

Mohamed Abdullah
P.F.L.O.A.G delegation

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Being convinced that the Iranian reactionary regime is not in need to an authorization from Qaboos to interfere, yet this does not deny the fact that this puppet is an obedient tool and executive tool for the Iranian aggressive greed.

As we do not want our Arab brothers to come and fight in our place for expelling the Iranian invaders—for this is to be performed by our people—yet we believe that there are national duties to be performed by the Arabs, people's and national organizations towards the danger and the conspiracies faced by our homeland and people which aim at eradicating the entire Arab nation. Unless the performance of the national duties is a question which contravenes with the interests of these regimes

The Arab national regimes are today required to prove their non collusion with Qaboos and Iranian reaction so that Arab history does not record the fact that these Arab regimes have shared in different ways in the usurpation of part of this Arab homeland and in slaying and dispersing an Arab people.

There is no justification at all for such silence by the Arab regimes towards what is being faced by our homeland.

Here we must confirm that our people with the deep combative history, will stand firmly in the face of the invaders in accordance with the potentialities in their possession and this people will also remember any positive stands towards their struggle.

Let the puppets of Muscat go further in their treason and let the Arabs continue their deafening silence as our steadfast people will resist until their territories are cleared or they get killed. Our people will continue to remember those brothers & friends who back up their struggle and stand by their side.

The Working Class Struggles In Bahrain Slope Upward

Our militant masses in Bahrain still continuing their struggles against the puppet authority in Bahrain where the terroristic methods exercised by the repressive regime against them daily increase. Last February, the workers of the Gulf Air Company submitted a memorandum to the National Assembly in which they explained their general labour problems and outlined their just and stressing demands.

In the beginning, the memorandum reviewed the exploitative and monopolistic methods exercised by this company against our people in this area, including employment of foreigners and granting them with higher salaries, a matter which poured vast and huge profits which is being absorbed from the blood of the workers. The memorandum proved the vast profits obtained by the company through its purchase of numerous aircraft and modern equipment.

Then, what did this company do

for Bahrain, land and people, the memorandum enquired: if we are asked, we will not be able to detain our tears as our tongue will say: it did nothing. This company did nothing at all not only for Bahrain or the Bahrainians but also for others. This company only left severe subjugation, injustice, poverty, exploitation and vagrance. In spite of its vast profits did the company, for example, extend any humanitarian project? of course, No.

The memorandum is full of other examples which all indicate the company and expose its exploitation ways and means. On the Training Institute, which the company claims supervision on it, the memorandum said:

"When the needs for expansion by the company increased in aviation affairs, cheap foreign working hands were imported. Of course, this needs the company to train them and teach them the arts of work, the language, etc. At the end, the company is obliged to establish or, in other words, use one of the sections belonging to the British Air Base for this purpose.

In order to justify its position and behaviours, the company brings some of the workers and the Bahrainians to exhibit to them some propaganda films. But, in fact, the training centre and the training is sincerely and truthfully for the Hindus, Pakistanis, British and others. For example, there are more than seventy foreign hostesses. Moreover, for justifying its stands, this company resorts between an interval and another to the publication of advertisements in local and Gulf papers asking for workers and employees and hostesses of Bahrainian origin. When the working hands of Bahrainian origin from both races pour on the company, the company uses with them the method of manoeuvres and tricks, until all of them are disappointed after repeating the attempt. For a short period, we then see foreign working hands pour on their company and in a big number to an extent that these numbers still continuously increase.

After that, the memorandum puts a huge exclamation marks which we see that every citizen must understand. The memorandum says:-

We ask here about the way or source which stamp the entry visas or residence for the foreign working hands. Is it through the government sources while the government calls for Bahrainisation of the posts or through the companies themselves or other sources. For example, at Mahooz area, there is a special build-

ing for the foreign hostesses. In this building, they are supplied with all means of communications, food, drink, comfort, etc. This is at a time in which the company does not pay more than forty Bahrainian dinars for every Bahrainian girl wanting to work as hostess without giving her any housing allowance or other requisites. Recently, the company sent a large number of Pakistani and Hindu workers to England for training on V.C. 10 aircraft.

The workers of the Gulf Airways Company signed the memorandum with the following demands:-

1) Termination of all recent agreements concluded between the company and the foreign workers and female workers.

2) Bahrainization of posts.

3) Non-employment of foreign working hands except in very rare circumstances in which the company fails to get the Bahrainian working hands on condition that the company pays to the Bahrainian male and female applicants the same salaries, allowances and communications given by the company to the foreign applicants.

4) Despatch abroad of missions in continuously huge numbers from Bahrainians, both male and female.

5) Promotion of the Bahraini working hands and not to bring to a standstill their grades for long years.

6) setting up of a union representing the workers.

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Syrian Communist Party Message of Constant Support

Dear Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party, by authorization from the fourth congress, highly greets the benevolent struggle waged by the Arab people in Oman & the Arab Gulf under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf for knocking down the leftovers of the medieval ages, for social progress and Arab unity.

The Syrian Communists value your armed struggle for liberating this important part of the Arab homeland from the grip of the monopolies of imperialism, for defending it, for confronting foreign invasion and for toppling down the puppet reactionary elite in Muscat.

This reaction which tried to appear in a new form by erecting Qaboos as Sultan of Oman cannot hide its dim face which is hostile to the people for it revealed by itself the extent of its links not only with Saudi reactionaries, but also with Iranian reactionaries and American imperialism. It, after failing to deter the triumphant revolutionary attack in Dhofar, started to open the doors of the country in front of the Iranian greed and to reveal the extent of its treason towards the homeland & people.

Iranian reactionaries, intensifying its oppression against the Iranian people, is now working at the same time for controlling the Gulf area and expanding in its domination. It also undertakes the role of policeman and honest servant of American imperialism

and works to implement its strategy which is the basis for the continuation of control by the oil monopolies of imperialism on Arab oil. Iran is not rivalled in this role except by Israel, as Iranian being supported & armed by the United States for using it in the aggression against the Arab homeland and for attaching it to the wheel of American people.

Our party regards your struggle as a great backing for the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen which is the fortified fort for all revolutionary forces in the Arabian Peninsula in its constant struggle for establishing its progressive attitude and its confrontation of the forces of imperialism plotting and Arab reactionaries. It is also a part and parcel of the struggle of the Arab people against American imperialism and the Israeli aggressors. It is also gaining great importance particularly at these circumstances in which American imperialism and world Zionism and Arab reactionaries work to bounce on the Arab national liberation movement & to impose submissive solutions on it and to liquidate the Palestine issue in favour of the Israeli aggressors.

In conclusion, please comrades, allow us to declare our full solidarity with your struggle & express our firm confidence that our people in Oman and the Gulf under your leadership will realize victory over the hostile forces & build their national State which is capable of continuing the struggle with all nationalists for realizing the objectives of the Arab people for liberation, popular democracy, socialism & Arab unity."

Comrade Sammad Highly Hails Fruitful Results of His Visit to Iraq

Comrade Ahmed Abdel Sammad, member of the Central Executive Committee, returned to Aden last Thursday 28.2.74 - from Beirut after heading the delegation of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf which visited the Iraqi Republic recently. Following his arrival, Comrade Abdel Sammad made the following statement:

"The outcome of our visit to Iraq was positive and successful. We found remarkable response from the comrades in the Arab Baath Socialist Party and through the exchanged discussions and comradely dialogue, we managed to discuss a number of issues facing our people in Oman and the Arabian Gulf, in particular, and the Arab nation, in general. During our presence in the Iraqi region we held extensive contacts and fruitful meetings with other national forces and political parties. After ending our visit to the Iraqi region, we went to Beirut where we held extensive contacts with the national forces there topped by the Palestine Resistance.

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